

with \$280,000. That is a 57% increase that is being asked to \$440,000. I just can't understand or fathom how we can authorize a 57% increase in a program that has only been going on for six months. I ask you to think about this, a 57% increase on a six months' program. I am not cutting out the program. I am cutting it back to its original funding of \$280,000 instead of \$440,000. Now Senator Koch had a program that needed \$80,000 that went down the tube that was a good program that would help hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of people. Senator Hefner just had a program that would help a lot of people. You could leave the budget where it is, fund those two programs and still keep this program if you reduce this program by the 57% increase. But regardless of what you want to do with the money we are trying to save, I ought to have you think of this. When you go in to buy a shirt the merchant says it costs you so much. You go into a professional office and he says it costs you so much. You go in to buy a piece of implement from an implement dealer and he says it costs you so much. You buy a car, it costs you so much and unless you have a government job with a guaranteed salary, unless you are protected by a labor union, everything is...the other fellow sells it to you, he says it is so much but when a farmer goes to sell his grain he says how much will you give me for my grain. The rancher says at the auction, how much will you give me for my cattle? We cannot stand any more government increases of 57% on a six months' program. Let it run its course for a year. Leave the original program at the \$280,000, come back next year and let's look at the program, see how many have been served, the good that has been done and then possible increase it but we can't stand a 57% increase on this program and I will say on any state program so I ask you to support my motion to reduce the program from \$440,000 to its original \$280,000 and let's reconsider it next year.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the program that is under discussion here, the funding reflects legislation LB 623 that was enacted I believe in 1978. As Senator Haberman has pointed out, apparently he felt there is merits in the program, domestic violence as you recall can be spouse abuse, abuse of children, any type of violence and the program of course is the attempt to avoid it, to do programs that will reduce the incidents. There are currently thirty-three counties in which the program is in existence. The level of appropriation that the committee is recommending to you would enable that to be expanded to thirteen more counties or a total of forty-six. The legislation as is enacted indicates it should be